Housing Finance Fund for EPF Subscribers

3695. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 179 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1994 and state:

(a) how much amount is available with the Housing Finance Fund for EPF subscribers;

(b) what are the salient features of the scheme;

(c) whether this is to be a part of the present set up of EPF organisation or not;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to set up a separate subsidiary organisation;

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(f) by when the whole scheme is likely to be implemented throughout the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (f) The Central Board of Trustees, EPF discussed the report of the Housing Finance Fund Committee on 31-3-94. The recommendations of the Board have not yet been submitted to the Government.

Proposal to amend the Trade Union Act

3696. SHRI SOM PAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have approved a proposal to amend t he Trade Union Act;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that have necessitated such amendment; and

(c) what are the salient features of the proposed Bill and by when it is likely to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Based on the recommendations made by a Bi-partite Committee on New Industrial Relations Law and the deliberations held in various Tripartite forums, specific proposals to amend the Trade Unions Act, 1926 have been formulated. The proposals inter-alia seek to reduce the multiplicity of Trade Unions and to facilitate orderly growth and regulation of all Trade Unions. A Notice to introduce a Bill to this effect in the current Session of Parliament has been given.

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3697. **श्री चिमन भाई हरिभाई शुक्ल** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विगत तीन वर्षों के दौरान सौराष्ट्र क्षेत्र के जिलों में विभिन्न रोजगार कार्यालयों में पंजीकृत बेरोजगार व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है ;

(ख) इन रोजगार कार्यालयों में पंजीकृत विकलांग, विधवा, भूतपूर्व सैनिक इत्यादि व्यक्तियों का श्रेणी-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) इन पंजीकृत व्यक्तियों में से कितने-कितने व्यक्तियों को सरकारी, अर्ध सरकारी तथा गैर-सरकारी सेवाओं में नियुक्त किया गया है ;

(घ) क्या इन रोजगार कार्यालयों में विकलांग व्यक्तियों और भूतपूर्व सैनिकों के लिये कोई अलग व्यवस्था की गई है; और